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Arrests made at Crazy Coconuts

Evansville, Ind., March 28, 2009 – Seven dancers and the manager were charged with various offenses early Saturday morning when officers conducted an investigation at Crazy Coconuts, located at 819 West Indiana Street.

Officers from the Indiana State Excise Police and the Evansville Police department conducted a joint investigation on Crazy Coconuts (formerly Chances R Bar). This investigation was conducted after both agencies received complaints of public nudity and indecent exposure as well as sex acts taking place on stage. There were also allegations of underage drinking, drug use and the taking of alcoholic beverages into this business.

Crazy Coconuts no longer holds a liquor permit, but still hosts various forms of adult entertainment. During this investigation, officers observed seven (7) dancers partially nude. These dancers were all charged with indecent exposure. One of these dancers was found to be less than 21 years of age, yet she had consumed an alcoholic beverage. She was charged with the additional offense. Another dancer was also wanted on an outstanding warrant. The manager, Jody (Jo Jo) Ratliff of Louisville, Kentucky, was charged with allowing alcoholic beverages to be brought into the business after bottles of liquor were found in the dressing room.

The Indiana State Excise Police is the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. While excise officers are empowered to enforce any state law, they primarily focus on alcohol, tobacco and related violations.